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SUBJECT: FIVE POWER DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU ON REFORM

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1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HOLDS STRONGLY TO THE POSITION THAT ANY ACTION TAKEN IN ANTICIPATION OF THE BRUSSELS MEETING MUST BE TAKEN JOINTLY. THE FACT THAT THE STATUS OF A JOINT DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU WAS DISCUSSED WITH ITS EC PARTNERS IN COPENHAGEN IS LIKELY TO REINFORCE FRG OPPOSITION TO ANY UNILATERAL ACTION BY ANY OF THE FIVE.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE RECOGNIZES THE NEAR IMPOSSIBILITY OF GETTING TO MOBUTU BEFORE THE BRUSSELS SESSION. IN THIS REGARD, THE U.S. SUGGESTION OF A JOINT DEMARCHE TO BISENGIMANA IS SEEN BY THE WORKING
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LEVEL AS A REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE AND PERHAPS THE ONLY CHANNEL FOR GETTING THE FIVE'S MESSAGE TO MOBUTU IN AN UNDILUTED FORM. BISENGIMANA IS WELL RESPECTED IN BONN AND IS BELIEVED HERE TO HAVE REAL INFLUENCE WITH MOBUTU. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN COPENHAGEN (REFTEL B), THE DECISION TO GO AHEAD NOW WITH THE DEMARCHE TO

BISENGIMANA WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARED WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER.

3. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL C, THE FRG PREFERS THE PARIS
WORKING DOCUMENT - WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE
FRG CABINET -- AS THE BASIS OF ANY JOINT DEMARCHE,
BUT REMAINS FLEXIBLE AND WILLING TO ACCEPT THE
KINSHASA TEXT OR MINOR VARIATIONS OF EITHER ONE.
INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT HAVE GONE TO FRG AMBASSADORS
IN INTERESTED POSTS.

4. FROM THE BONN PERSPECTIVE, THE U.S. PROPOSAL OF
MAKING COORDINATED DEMARCHES TO ZAIRRAS AMBASSADORS IN
THE FIVE CAPITALS IS NOT A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE. THE
FOREIGN OFFICE BELIEVES THAT THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR IN
BONN WOULD NOT BE CAPABLE OF REPORTING TO MOBUTU THE
KIND OF MESSAGE THE FIVE HAVE IN MIND.

5. THE REACTIONS NOTED ABOVE COME FROM OUR CONTACTS
IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, UP TO AND INCLUDING THE STATE
SECRETARY LEVEL. THESE CONTACTS TELL US THAT ANY
FURTHER FRG ACTION WILL HAVE TO HAVE GENSCHER'S
STAMP OF APPROVAL.

6. LAST MINUTE WORD FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS THAT
GENSCHER IS NOW ON HIS WAY BACK FROM COPENHAGEN TO
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BONN. THIS MATTER WILL BE BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION
AS SOON AS HE ARRIVES AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE PROMISED
TO ADVISE US IMMEDIATELY IF THERE IS A REACTION FROM HIM WHICH
SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO US.

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